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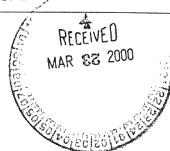
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

49-1 I attended the public meeting in Portland, OR and compliment the participants upon both the quality of presentation and
ix.c.b. informative materials and displays. Unfortunately that meeting was not well-attended--not due to lack of interest, but
because of very poor publicity and communications.

49-2 [Decisions regarding the "disposal" of high-level and related wastes should be made from this time forward when decisions
are being made to generate these terrible wastes in the first place. We must use more common sense, with a responsible
vision for the future. A lack of these elements will result in more serious complications, such as those that lead to this
dilemma, and others all over the DOE complex.]

49-3 [Waste treatment alternatives should lean towards leaving liquid and calcinated waste as is, as long as their containment
structures are deemed safe and reliable.] Liquid wastes should be diminished in volume and converted if overwhelming
technical problems are not forthcoming.] At any point, the results of careful monitoring could prompt alternative waste
treatments in order to protect the environment and groundwater.] 49-5 iii.D.1 (5)

49-6 [Since there is no vitrification facility at Hanford at this time and since there is no licensed HLW Repository, it seems
premature to make a record of decision which definitely include these options. It must also be remembered that many
Hanford structures are already corroded and leaking and in serious emergency status. Until these problems are
satisfactorily addressed, Hanford cannot accept more burden.]

49-7 [Facility closures should be determined upon the risks to the environment and their ability to contain wastes and radiation.
All facilities should be maintained as needed and depending upon the risk of failure be closed on a case by case basis.]

49-8 [After commenting for nearly a decade now upon many equally complicated and frightening environmental impact
statements, I would surely hope that someone would, from this point forward, make it a crime to create any more chemical
and radioactive waste which is not directly involved in a clean up effort.]

49-9 [It also should not have to be mentioned, but unfortunately it must be said that
more monies should be allocated to monitoring, maintenance, containment, clean up and research technology rather than
going for wasteful projects such as stockpile stewardship, weapons research and star wars defense. We've already
targeted our own homeland by mismanagement and wrong priorities. It is time to face up to our predicament and do what
we can to avoid impending and future disaster.]

Thank you to everyone who is working so hard on these tremendous issues

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